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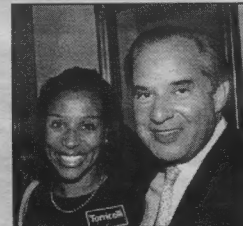
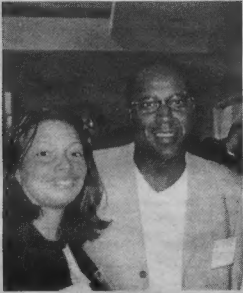
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Senator Robert Torricelli feted by Wells and Friends.

Major Turnout — On hand for a recent reception for Sen. Robert Torricelli at the home of Nina and Ted Wells were (top row, from left to right): Jeannine LaRue and Beverly Henderson; Sen. Torricelli, and Irvington Mayor Wayne Smith; hosts Nina and Ted Wells, and center row from left to right: Carol Patterson Brooks and Al Bundy; Barbara Bell Coleman; Avis Yates-Rivers and Lisa Love; Dr. Jeanine Downey and Sen. Torricelli; Jill Johnson and Marilyn Davis, bottom row from left to right: Sharon Alexander, Sen. Torricelli, Will Alexander and Althea Giles. The late summer event, held to show support for the senior Democratic senator, was attended by hundreds of members of the northern New Jersey African American business, political and social community.

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**America Together:
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Heroes of Ground Zero - 9 PM

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Curious Observer

Conspicuously absent from Sunday's press conference held in Jersey City to announce FEMA and Federal Transportation Authority multi-million dollar funding for post-September 11 transportation repairs and improvements in Glenn Cunningham, the mayor of Jersey City. Once again the insidious impression was created that African American leadership, involvement and concern is disconnected when it comes to mainstream issues.

Congratulations to Serena Williams for taking her third major in a row with a United States Open championship Saturday night who gave the distractions a backhand and focused on her game. With all the talk of cat suits, and her playing to the camera, we say remember Serena: You and Venus have talent! Keep your eye on the prize.

Belleville township officials have kicked a hole in Republican Essex County Executive candidate Candace Straight's apparent one-issue campaign, locating the arena in Newark. In a brilliant free publicity strategy, Ms. Straight — a billionaire who has a lucrative seat on the NJ Sports Authority, is lobbying local communities to pass a non-binding referendum on the question of locating the proposed new arena in Newark. Belleville officials say the referendum is against state law. Hopefully this will give the voters of Essex County a chance to have the Democratic candidate (Joseph DiVincenzo) and Ms. Straight debate the other important campaign issues that we face during these difficult times.

New York City officials wants to resuscitate the widely loathed commuter tax to help residents offset September 11 related deficits, but suspect that Big Apple Mayor Michael Bloomberg will not support the legislation until after the November election because he wants to help incumbent Governor George's Pataki in his bid for reelection. Do the politicians really think that the voters are so myopic that they can't see through this shallow political ploy, or that they are so unsophisticated they will not remember the issue when the next election rolls around?

Have an observation you want to share?

Send it to:

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BRIEFS

BLACK PILOTS HONOR FALLEN SEPT. 11 COMRADE

(Special to the NNPA)—The Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP), recently paid tribute to LeRoy W. Homer Jr., the first officer of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania during the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. His wife, Melodie Homer, received a \$5,000 gift from the organization for the LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation, established to encourage and support young men and women who wish to pursue aviation careers.

LAWYERS SAY NEW LAWS TREAD ON U.S. FREEDOMS

NEW YORK — Since Sept. 11, the U.S. Government has introduced a series of security laws and practices which contradict the core values and principles upon which this country was founded, says a new report recently released by the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

110TH PRISONER FREED BY DNA EVIDENCE

(Special to the NNPA)—Eddie Joe Lloyd is a free man after his murder conviction was vacated last week on the strength of DNA tests that proved he that wasn't guilty of murdering a Detroit teenager in 1984. Lloyd, 54, served 17 years in jail on a sentence of life without parole. The New York-based Innocence Project sought the use of DNA evidenced to prove Lloyd's innocence. He became the 110th person in the United States and the first in Michigan to be vindicated through the process.

BIG 'MCAFRICA' CAUSES A STEW

NEW YORK (GIN)—The launch of the McDonald's "McAfrika" burger has infuriated the Norwegian equivalent of Christian Aid, the Norwegian Red Cross, and generated a storm of bad publicity for the American fast-food giant. The concoction of beef, cheese, tomatoes and salad in a pita-style sandwich is said to be based upon an authentic African recipe.

World decries Nigerian stoning sentence

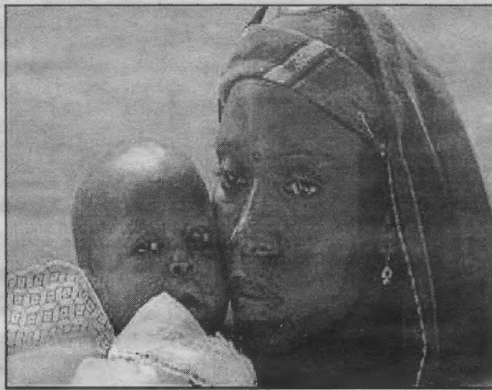
LAGOS, Nigeria (GIN)—Nigeria's presidential adviser on women's affairs has expressed her profound dismay at an Islamic court ruling to uphold a sentence of death by stoning for an unwed mom.

Titi Ajanaku, who joins a growing protest worldwide against the decision, called last Monday's ruling by a Sharia Appeal Court in Funtua, Katsina state sentence against single-mother Amina Lawal as a breach of human rights law. She accused Sharia of institutional prejudice against women just as Minister of State for Justice Musa Elayo, said the federal government would support Amina's appeal.

"With this pronouncement of the Sharia court," Ajanaku said in a statement, "It is apparently clear that Sharia law is prejudiced against women, to punish them unjustifiably for an action between two parties."

Ajanaku also said that to carry out the sentence, which would involve Amina being buried up to her neck and stoned to death, would breach Nigeria's obligations in the United Nations Charter on Human Rights and the African Charter on Human Rights.

Elayo said that Amina's sentence was "no cause for alarm," while the young village housewife still has three higher courts to appeal to. "We have directed our lawyers to appeal



Amina Lawal, a Nigerian unwed mother, is sentenced to die by stoning under Islamic law once her eight-month old is weaned. against the judgment," he said. "We are monitoring events."

At least one Islamic group came to the defense of the death sentence. The Jamatu Nasril Islam (JNI) said in a statement here that criticisms against the death sentence were misplaced.

"It is most unfortunate that some people could interfere in an issue that does not bother them," JNI secretary general Abdulkadir Orire said. He said adultery is an offense punishable by death under Islamic law, or Sharia, which has been reintroduced in 12 northern states since Nigeria returned to civilian rule in May 1999. "A billion eyes of the whole world cannot make us abandon our religion and jettison our faith as

dictated by the Sharia," he added. Meanwhile the U.S. has also expressed concern over the court ruling and reminded Nigeria of its duty to uphold basic human rights. Deputy State Department spokesman Philip Reeker called on the federal government to ensure that Amina is given due process in the appeals process. "To date, we understand that no sentences of stoning have been carried out in Nigeria," he said. "We are concerned, however, by the decision of the upper Sharia court...and as the case moves through the appellate process, we hope it is conducted in a manner that affords the protection of due process, fair-

ness and justice to defendant Amina Lawal," Reeker said.

"We urge Nigeria to ensure that consideration of the case and punishment are consistent with Nigeria's obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international obligations to which it is party."

In late developments, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo expressed hope that latest sharia court ruling that demands the stoning to death of Amina Lawal, would be overturned. Saying he was saddened by the sentence, however, Obasanjo declined to say he would intervene directly in the case, despite international calls for him to stop the execution.

It was the first time the president spoke about single mother Amina Lawal since an Islamic court in the northern town of Funtua rejected her appeal against the stoning sentence.

"I don't think what is going on will lead to her death," Obasanjo told reporters. "Indeed if it does, which I very much doubt, I will weep for myself, I will weep for Amina and I will weep for Nigeria." Obasanjo warned at the time that Nigeria risked isolation from the rest of the world if the sentence is carried out.

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Editorial

BLACK HEALTH DISPARITY WIDENS

Dr. Denise V. Rodgers, Associate Dean for Community Health at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School recently issued a working paper titled "The State of Black Health in New Jersey" which concluded that "little progress was made in reducing disparity by race" during the past 17 years, and grievously, "it becomes clear that in some cases disparity has worsened."

We find it personally egregious that it appears our youth will face more detrimental health challenges in the future if critical lifestyle changes are not made now. Logically, the first lifestyle change must be made by the parents so that they can live to provide their children with emotional and financial support. It is clear that parents, health care providers, and government leaders must commit to addressing the health needs of the African American community on a consistent basis.

Next parents must discipline themselves and their children to adopt and maintain a health diet and exercise regimen, and lifestyle behaviors. In short, consuming large amounts of sugar, salt and LDL (bad/oxidized) fats must be drastically reduced. Likewise smoking cigarettes, abusing illegal drugs, alcohol and prescription drugs, and engaging in reckless sexual behaviors must also be drastically reduced, if not stopped altogether. The price we are paying — illness and early death — can not possibly be worth the self gratification and convenience these choices provide.

Then parents and health care providers must develop a compassionate doctor-patient communication style. Far too many studies indicate that even health professional engage in various forms of "racial profiling" behaviors towards African American in their care.

We call upon the our state government, the entire health care delivery system and recipients to adopt the life saving recommendations made in "The State of Black Health in New Jersey."

Editor's Note: Dr. Rodgers produced the study for the NJ Public Policy Research Institute in partnership with the Black United Fund of New Jersey. For more info visit: www.njppri.org.

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Cynthia McKinney's 'Assisted Suicide'

By George E. Curry
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Political analysts have dissected the political corpse of defeated five-term Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) over the past few weeks and their autopsy lists two causes of death: Jewish support of her African American opponent and Republican crossover votes.

The political autopsies neglected to point out a third and equally important factor in her defeat. Cynthia McKinney was her own worst enemy and to pretend otherwise, even for the sake of unity, is intellectually dishonest.

Unquestionably, McKinney was a strong supporter of black causes, earning an A on the latest NAACP report card. She is to be admired for her courage and willingness to speak out. As a politician seeking re-election, however, she left a lot to be desired.

To be an outspoken activist is one thing. But to be a black member of Congress who has to run in a district that is more than 50 percent white means that if one is serious about getting re-elected, he or she can ill afford to be viewed as a loose cannon. And that's exactly the way McKinney came across when she made allegations that George W. Bush not only knew about the impending Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, but he stood idly by so that his friends could benefit financially.

Of course, she offered no proof because there was none. Later, it was disclosed that U.S. intelligence agencies overlooked clues that might have allowed them to avert the attacks. However, that's a far cry from asserting that Bush had concrete information as his disposal and chose not to act on it.

Here are the next steps in the reparations movement

By Ron Walters

Coming off of the successful gathering in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 17, the reparations movement has a formidable task, but a show of support from everyday people who came to voice their belief that African-Americans are owed a return on their unpaid labor during slavery and their oppression right up until this second. So, it is fair to ask the question: Now what?

To begin with, one must take the call for operational unity seriously, as voiced by Ron Daniels and Minister Louis Farrakhan. Having said that, it is impressive to see that all factions of the leadership of this movement were represented at the "Millions for Reparations March." In fact, it can be said that despite the occasional bickering, there is already a rough operational unity among the groups making a level of communication possible. But perhaps the dream of Daniels and Farrakhan for a formal structure will be difficult to achieve, given the different roles that the groups involved have adopted.

Second, there needs to be a website which functions as a clearinghouse for information about the various activities involved. The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) has an excellent website and there are a few others such as Reparations Central that have the making of excellent sites, but which need to

Toward the end of the divisive primary campaign, McKinney did something else to cause me to question her political acumen. In what was perceived as a close race, she brought in Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, Jesse L. Jackson Sr. and Martin Luther King III, among others, to campaign on her behalf. With so many whites in her district, Jews in particular, that was akin to bringing in Dr. Jack Kevorkian. It was assisted suicide. If her goal was to mobilize black voters and, for the most part, ignore whites going to the polls, that didn't work, either. Neither McKinney, Farrakhan, Jackson, King nor anyone else increased black turnout in that district, allowing Denise Majette to defeat McKinney 58 percent to 42 percent. In one predominantly black precinct, 1,767 voters turned out for the 2000 election, most of them casting their ballot for McKinney. This year, however, only 169 people showed up in that same precinct, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

McKinney made a big deal of her opponent receiving campaign donations from Jews, many of them from other states. At the same time, many of her donors were Arabs and Muslims. It was no more inappropriate for Majette to receive contributions from Jews than it was for McKinney to receive donations from Arabs. You can't have it both ways. Besides, there's nothing wrong with supporting people who support you.

If we're looking for political scapegoats, Jews aren't our enemy. Of the 10 Jews in the U.S. Senate, six earned As on the NAACP's latest report card, three received Bs and the only F was awarded to the lone Republican in the group, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. Of the 26 House members, 23 are Democrats.

be maintained and constantly updated. The continued progress of the movement is defined by the ability of people to buy into the various activities, all of which presumes that they know what the agenda of the various groups, both national and local, consist of. N'COBRA, the Black United Front and the December 12th Movement all stand to benefit by an expanded membership and set of activities, provided that the organizing takes place to take advantage of the motion created by the gathering in Washington.

Third, the law suits need some level of coordination because of the danger that random actions could prejudice the efforts of the various groups, by setting up precedents that make it easier for the courts to invalidate subsequent suits. So, this needs to be done carefully. It also needs to be done with the depth of research that might impress the legal system and at the same time, provide new information for those outside of the legal arena.

Part of the task of the reparations movement is to re-educate America about the depth of the contribution of African peoples to the construction of this country, and to demonstrate the way in which oppression has worked to maintain blacks in a subordinate status. To this end, a research conference will be held this fall in New York by the African American Research Institute at Columbia University.

Eight of them earned As, 13 got Bs and two earned Cs. The two Republicans—Eric Cantor of Virginia and Benjamin Gilman of New York—earned Fs. The only independent, Bernie Sanders of Vermont, earned an A.

Most Jewish members of Congress have a better record of supporting black causes than some members of the Congressional black Caucus. Three CBC members—Juanita Millender-McDonald of California, Carrie P. Meek of Florida and Sanford D. Bishop of Georgia—only earned Cs on the NAACP report card.

The tension between blacks and Jews is over how each group sees the other as supporting their main cause. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) told the NNPA News Service that Jewish members of Congress make no apologies for their pro-Israel stance. He recalls, "One of the Jewish members said for many of his constituents, if there's an even-handed policy towards Israel and the Palestinians, they would consider that anti-Israel."

However, most mainstream Jewish groups not only oppose affirmative action, a critical issue for most African-Americans, but many have filed friend-of-the-court briefs in opposition to affirmative action in major cases around the country. Yet, most white lawmakers do not stand up for affirmative action with the same fervor that Jewish members of Congress stand up for Israel.

I don't blame Jewish members of Congress for supporting Israel. I just wish that our black lawmakers would feel as strongly—and act as decisively—when our bread-and-butter issues are threatened by friends or foes.

Daniels also is right that there needs to be a campaign to pass the bill by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), HR 40, with the demand for 100 percent support of the bill by black members of Congress, some of whom have not signed on to it. Moreover, there is plenty work for the mass organizations: signing up local organizations and personalities to put pressure on local officials to support bills in city councils, state legislatures and the national Congress. As Conyers said at the march, this is an election year and it should be hard for a politician, black or white, to ask for the black vote unless they hear the question, "Do you support African reparations and how will you prove it?"

By the way, I was happy to see the NAACP represented at the March and speaking rally the night before. But where were the other civil rights organizations, including the Rev. Al Sharpton, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Height, Joseph Lowery, Hugh Price, Kweisi Mfume, Wade Henderson, Bill Fletcher of TransAfrica, and etc. Were they invited to speak? If not, this was a sorry show of unity by the organizers, but if they were, then the demand for accountability to this issue begins at home.

Ron Walters is Distinguished Leadership Scholar, director of the African American Leadership Institute and professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest book is African American Leadership.

Prevailing wage bill becomes NJ state law

TRENTON — A bill sponsored by Senate Democratic President Richard J. Codey and Senator Joseph Ganiglio which would require the payment of prevailing wages for projects funded by the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission and the Economic Development Authority has been signed into law.

"The prevailing wage laws were designed so that our skilled workers in New Jersey are treated fairly when working on government projects," said Senator Codey, (D-Essex).

"This new law ensures that for every project funded by public funds, either from the state directly or from quasi governmental organizations such as the EDA and the Economic Growth Commission, skilled workers receive their fair share," Codey added.

New Jersey's Prevailing Wage Act requires a prevailing wage to be set for workers on construction projects funded by public funds.

A prevailing wage is a set hourly rate and a benefit rate of contribution to

a worker based on the specific job they do on the site.

"For a long time, there has been a loophole in the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, which allowed for projects funded by loans or grants from the EDA or the Economic Development Commission to avoid paying prevailing wage," said Senator Goniglio, (D-Bergen). "Our legislation effectively closes that loophole."

Senator Ganiglio said that many municipalities have been turning to loans, grants and tax incentives from the EDA and the Economic Growth Commission to cover town projects recently.

Another piece of legislation, S-576, sponsored by Senator Codey, would strengthen penalties for violating prevailing wage law.

That bill has passed the Senate, and is currently before the Assembly Labor Committee. For more information go to: www.state.nj.us/labor/wps/wh/division/contract/prevail/prevwage.htm

CBC Foundation names Rougeau as first president

WASHINGTON — Weldon J. Rougeau, a seasoned executive with more than three decades of experience in law, business, government, civil rights, and academia, has been named President of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization focused on research, leadership, education, housing, economic development and public policy in the United States and abroad.

Rougeau is the CEO of the Foundation responsible for all program and fiscal aspects of the organization. As such, he interacts with Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), state and local legislators, business leaders, leaders of minority focused groups, and organized labor.

Congressman William J. Jefferson (D-LA), Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, said of the newly appointed executive, "Mr. Rougeau



Weldon J. Rougeau

is the right person at the right time, and we look forward to the substantial benefits his knowledge and expertise will bring the CBCF."

Rougeau has had extensive experience in the Federal Government, having worked as a Legislative Assistant in the U.S. Senate, a Chief of Staff in the U.S. House.

Business Briefs

EWR INTERNATIONAL RENAMED NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL

NEWARK — The governors of New Jersey and New York adopted the suggestion of Newark Mayor Sharpe James who said if Newark International Airport was renamed, the new name should be Newark Liberty International Airport. The name was changed to "commemorate the memory of the heroes of" September 11.

STATE TO RECEIVE \$206M FOR SEPTEMBER 11 TRANSIT REPAIRS

JERSEY CITY — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is slated to provide up to an estimated \$206 million to improve and restore service at the Grove Street and Exchange Place PATH stations in Jersey City. Governor James E. McGreevey said New Jersey is still "confronted with the challenge of rebuilding our region's transportation infrastructure to meet the needs of our riders." A portion of the money will also be used for improvements and expansions to NJ Transits main rail maintenance facility in Kearney.

NEWARK PLAZA TO BE RENAMED FOR MALACHIA BRANTLEY

NEWARK — The City of Newark will celebrate the naming of Malachia Brantley Plaza on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. The celebration will be held at the Brantley Brothers Building, 168 Elizabeth Avenue. For more information call 973-824-9500.

CLINTON HILL/SOUTH WARD COMMUNITY GROUP CALLS FOR JOBS

NEWARK — Members of the Clinton Hill/South Ward Improvement Association recently met to discuss the absence of minority workers at new homes construction sites. Wilbur Kornegay, the head of the group said area residents need decent jobs and the ability to early a living wage. The group, which says developer are receiving tax abatements that city residents are paying for, plan a series of activities to draw attention to the issue.

CLEANERS AT RUTGERS U- NEWARK WINS UNION BATTLE

NEWARK — After months of struggling to organize, the more than thirty cleaners employed by Control Building Services at Rutgers University- Newark, have won union representation with SEIU Local 32BJ. Retroactive to August 1, Control workers at Rutgers will receive a wage increase of \$1.70 an hour, raising their current hourly wage to \$9.00, which will continue to increase to \$11.75 over the course of three years. Full-time Control workers at Rutgers will also receive badly needed health benefits for themselves and their families.

VERIZON WIRELESS RECYCLES PHONES FOR CHARITY CASH

MORRISTOWN — Safe House, an Essex County assistance center for domestic violence victims recently received \$1,000 from Verizon Wireless to provide services for families at risk. The donation was made as a result of a HopeLineSM Phone Recycling drive held recently to benefit the shelter. Last April, area residents were asked to donate their no-longer-used wireless phones to Verizon. The company pledged a cash contribution for every phone donated and new service agreement signed. More than \$4,000 has been donated as a result of the program.

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The Housing Authority Town of Dover will accept proposals for its Annual Financial Audit for FYE September 30, 2002.

It is the Authority's desire to retain and employ a qualified Independent Public Auditor (IPA) in order to audit the books and accounts of the Authority. All services must be in accordance with the existing rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and conducted in such a manner as to meet all regulatory auditing requirements of the State of New Jersey.

The services will encompass all of the Housing Authority's programs including, but not limited to, Public Housing (59 units), Section 8 Vouchers (248), Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Family Self Sufficiency Program.

The DHA RFP may be obtained by contacting Kathleen E. Lynch, at 973-361-9444 or picked up at the DHA's office. The DHA is an EEO employer.

A copy of the candidates resume should be attached to the proposal listing all previous experience and qualifications. Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to the Authority on or before 2:00 P.M. on September 24, 2002. The address is as follows:

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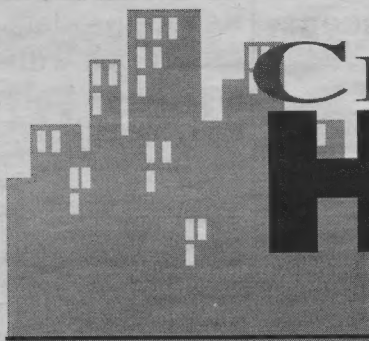
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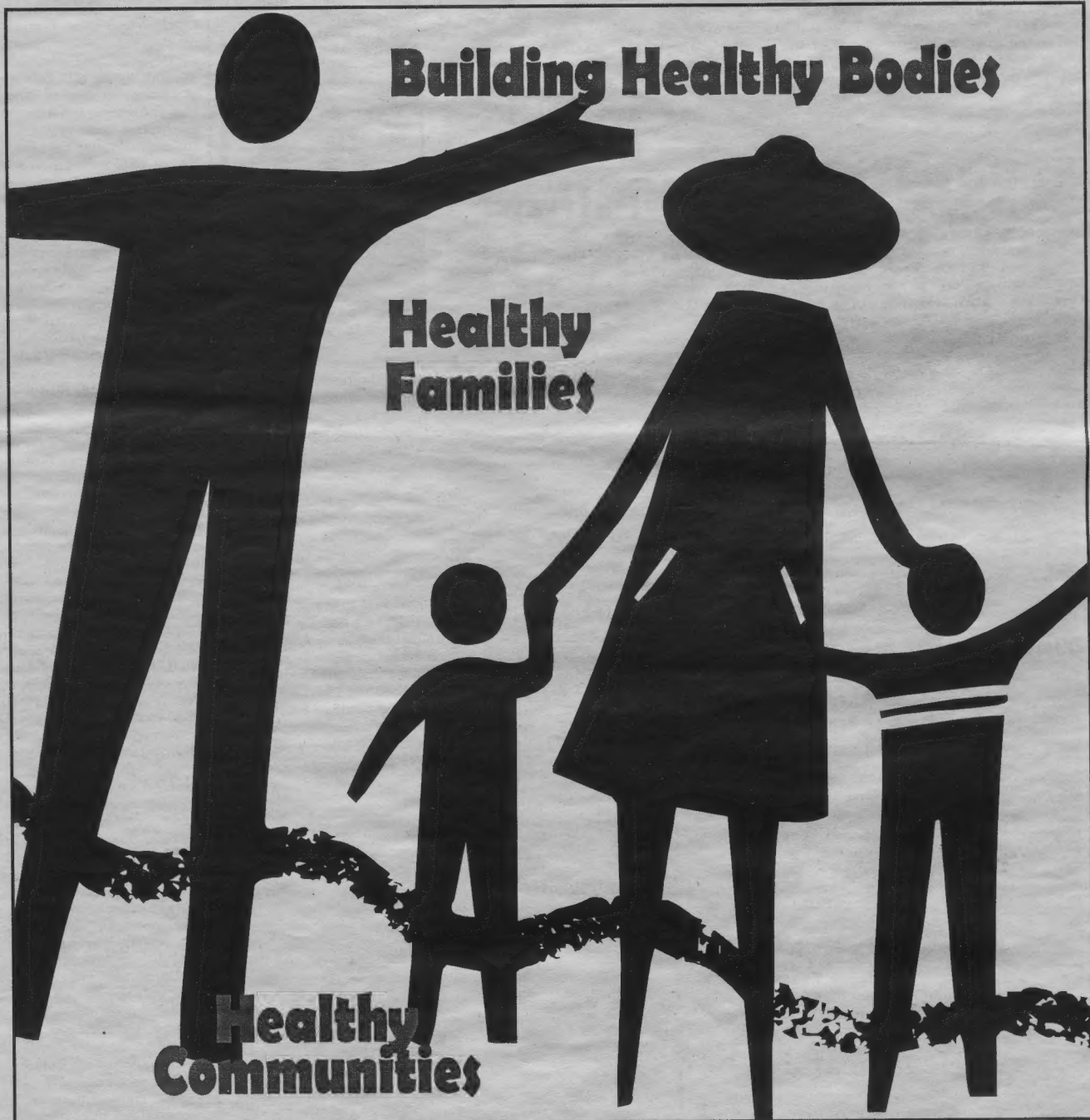
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Diabetes control falling short among African Americans

Behavioral changes and improved preventive measures are required to rein in poorly controlled blood sugar and cholesterol in African Americans with diabetes, according to a study published in the October issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Participants in the study had access to similar levels of diabetes care as shown in previous national studies, but levels of diabetes control and self-management behaviors were low, says lead author Edward W. Gregg, Ph.D., an epidemiologist with CDC's diabetes prevention and control program. Poor control of blood sugar and cholesterol puts people with diabetes at increased risk for complications such as kidney, eye and heart disease as well as limb amputation.

"These findings indicate a need to understand barriers to achieving and implementing good glycemic and lipid control among African-Americans with diabetes," he says.

The study included 625 people from Raleigh and Greensboro. They averaged about 59 years old, and 65 percent were women. All were interviewed at home about their health habits and self-management activities. Some also gave a blood sample. Residents in the community had received self-management and diabetes edu-

cation materials as well as health promotion counseling.

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Gregg and his colleagues found that 70 percent to 80 percent of study participants had received some of the recommended annual exams, but only 18 percent reported having them all. Fewer than half said they had the important blood test that checks for levels of glycosolated hemoglobin.

In addition, 31 percent reported having regular physical activity, while 41 percent engaged in daily self-monitoring of glucose levels, and 25 percent said they had never conducted such monitoring. Forty-percent of the men and 58 percent of the women were obese, and 25 percent of the total group were smokers.

Among the 383 study participants who gave a blood sample, glucose levels were acceptable in only 20 percent. Cholesterol levels were too high in at least

half, and nearly 25 percent had total cholesterol readings over 240, the point at which medication is usually recommended.

Levels of diabetes preventive care services such as screening tests for eye and foot problems were similar to national estimates obtained from previous studies, but there were other preventive services that were lacking, such as tests for levels of glycosolated hemoglobin. Also few of those surveyed had received education on how to manage their diabetes.

"In summary, the receipt of preventive care services during 1997 among African-Americans

in these communities was comparable to national estimates, but the benefits of this care, as evidenced by glycemic and lipid control, was often inadequate for good health and to prevent future complications," says Gregg.

The American Diabetes Association recommends that all people with diabetes receive regular medical care, including cholesterol, eye and foot examinations. In addition, people are urged to frequently monitor their glucose levels frequently, engage in frequent exercise, keep their weight under control and refrain from smoking.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Louise Hart. I am a grandmother of a three year old little girl name Za'nyah Robertson. She was attending a day care center in Newark in January 2002. Her mother Qiana and I found out that she has diabetes. She was hospitalized for a week and when she returned to school they acted as if every thing was fine. But when I came to pick her up they had a letter already saying that they could not accommodate her. When I got home all I could do was to cry because I knew that this was just the beginning. I was so sure that the schools were already equipped for something like this, especially in this day and time. Every school we went to or called could not take her. Now it is June and we still have not found a school yet. I am not angry because she was put out of school but for the simple fact that children are becoming diabetics at an early age.

The teachers or aids are not trained on how to care for a diabetes child, to see what signs to look for or if the sugar is high or low. I don't know if the Board is just too cheap to pay a nurse to be in each center every day. This is 2002 it's time for a change. Thank God for my father looking after her while we went to work and my brother would check her sugar before lunch. It was times when my brother was unable to check her sugar and I had to come home to check her sugar and then go back to work. If my daughter did not have her family to help her, she would be out of a job. If I have to march in front of city hall and talk on every news channel and talk show to let people know that their has to be a change. We need to educate Newark school teachers and day care centers and all the other schools that are not ready for something like this. And that's why my grand daughter can not go to school.



Louise Hart holding granddaughter Za'nyah Robertson

Reduce prostate cancer risk with prevention and early detection

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer and second leading cause of death from cancer among American men. In fact, a man is diagnosed with the disease every 2-1/2 minutes and nearly 200,000 are diagnosed annually. Nearly 40,000 Americans lose their lives to prostate cancer each year.

Despite these statistics, Timothy Wilson, MD, Director of Urology at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles, emphasizes that prevention and early detection can reduce the risk of prostate cancer and improve treatment outcomes for those who are diagnosed with the disease.

"The exact cause of prostate cancer is unknown but risk of its development is associated with age, family history, race, environmental exposure, and certain nutritional deficiencies," says Dr. Wilson. "Prostate cancer is often called a 'silent disease' because it frequently develops without obvious symptoms."

When symptoms are present, they may include some of the following: a weak flow of urine, frequent or painful urination, blood in the urine or semen, pain in the lower back, and pelvis, or upper thighs.

Dr. Wilson recommends that all men over the age of 40 visit their physician for a yearly exam. This exam should include: a discussion about risk factors and possible symptoms, a digital rectal examination (DRE) to detect irregularities of the prostate, and a prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test.

Men who are at high risk for prostate cancer- especially African Americans or men who have close family members with prostate cancer - should consider beginning these tests at an earlier age.

Prevention is the best way to reduce the risk of prostate cancer. Men should take proactive measures to live free of the disease. Dr. Wilson suggests the following: eat a balanced diet, high in fruits and vegetables and low in fat, watch your weight, and exercise daily, limit alcohol consumption, know the risk factors and be aware of changes in your body, and see a physician for a yearly exam.

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National Black Women's Health Project: HIV/AIDS Among African American Women

This is a statement by Lorraine Cole, Ph.D., President and CEO of the National Black Women's Health Project, Washington, D.C.—"Five young men, all active homosexuals..."

That is who the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) told us 20 years ago was affected by a rare and potentially fatal pneumonia, which we now know, is a symptom of HIV/AIDS.

Now we know that HIV/AIDS is not a gay disease...a male disease...or a white disease. It is a disease that affects newborns and the elderly, millionaires and maids, and everyone in between. HIV/AIDS is a human disease that is, however, in America, increasingly becoming a disease with a Black face.

The alarming statistics tell the story. AIDS is the leading cause of death for African Americans, 25 to 44.

One in every 160 African American women is infected with HIV.

Almost two-thirds (63%) of all women reported with AIDS were African American.

And, as if that is not enough, there is one more statistic that seals our need for an all out war on HIV/AIDS. According to the CDC, one in every 50 African American men is infected with HIV. Taboos, coyness and embarrassment aside, our survival depends upon open and serious talking about subject matter that most of us are uncomfortable about, publicly or in private. There must be an open and serious education campaign for Black women about the various means of contracting the HIV virus, particularly having sex without condoms, having unprotected sex with multiple partners, sharing needles with infected drugs users, and the phenomenon of the "down low brothers" - men who do not consider themselves homosexuals or bisexuals, yet they have sex with both women and men. Often, their female partners are unaware that these men (some married) have sexual encounters with men.

At the National Black

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Women's Health Project, we believe the troubling course that HIV/AIDS has mapped for our community can be reversed by empowering African American women to protect ourselves and our loved ones. The arrival of HIV/AIDS demands a fundamental change in the way we live our lives, how we relate to one another, and how and when we talk with our children about sex. For example, HIV tests should become part of the dating scene protocol before relationships become intimate. Women need to become comfortable asking questions of their partners about previous sexual partners and practices and be able to confidently counter resistance from their partners to condom use. Parents need age appropriate information for talking with children and teenagers about HIV/AIDS.

The church is a cornerstone of the Black community and many of us look to the church for guidance and direction. The Black church must take a lead in fighting this scourge that has invaded our neighborhoods. There must also be a campaign

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Reports that the African American community is dying have become so commonplace that these realities have lost the power to shock. It seems we are always dying from something - heart attacks, strokes, cancer, diabetes, poor nutrition, lack of access to medical care, drive-by shootings. The resultant numb-

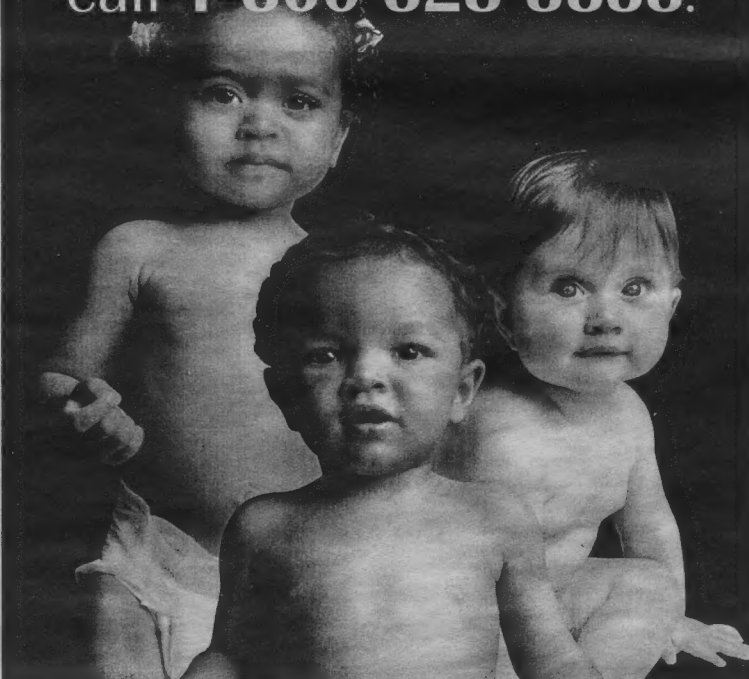
ing effect of these reports makes it difficult for some of us to realize the urgency of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that is upon us. It is here and it will only worsen if we do not change behaviors and educate our community about protecting ourselves. AIDS kills. It doesn't kill as quickly as it once did, but it still kills. We must get that message out to the African American community.

The National Black

Women's Health Project is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit education, advocacy, research and leadership development organization that focuses on health issues that affect Black women. It is the only national organization devoted solely to ensuring optimum health for Black women across their life span - physically, mentally and spiritually.

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Obesity, diabetes epidemics could mean more heart disease

BETHESDA, Md. - It's already the leading killer in America, but heart disease may become even more prevalent due to a growing epidemic of obesity and diabetes, experts predicted this week at a meeting at the National Institutes of Health.

"The current diabetes epidemic is a harbinger of an epidemic of cardiovascular disease," said Hertzler Gerstein, M.D., of McMaster University.

Someone with diabetes and no prior heart disease has just as much risk of having a heart attack as a person with heart disease, but not diabetes. People with both prior heart disease and diabetes have a much greater risk of having and dying from a heart attack.

Even early signs of diabetes, such as high blood sugar levels, are a risk for future heart disease, Gerstein said.

Patients on the verge of diabetes have twice the risk of developing cardiovascular disease or angina, said Steve Haffner, M.D., of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center.

At the pre-diabetic stage, aggressive treatment combined

with lifestyle changes - such as adoption of a low-fat, high-fiber diet and regular exercise - and, to a lesser extent, drug therapies can reduce the risk of developing diabetes by more than 50 percent.

"One way to prevent heart disease is to prevent diabetes," Haffner said. Once a patient develops diabetes, aggressive treatment and control of blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure can help reduce the risk of heart disease.

Despite the clear and proven benefits of aggressive treatment to prevent diabetes and heart disease, few patients receive enough treatment to achieve established clinical targets, said Frank Vinicor, M.D., of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The medical community's approach to improving the "house of health" has been to raise the roof - improving treatments, for example - when it should be widening the foundation to include more people getting the treatments that are already available, he said.

While research is still needed to improve treatment for diabetes, a lot of knowledge is

available to doctors and patients, but too many barriers keep them from using it, according to Vinicor.

Time is the most prominent barrier. Vinicor said that while patients spend 100 percent of their time with diabetes, they spend only about 0.0002 percent of their time with a doctor.

Communication and education, community involvement and changes to the way the health care system operates are all necessary in order to use what is already known to maximize benefits to patients, the experts said.

They added that transportation, urban planning and nutrition also play a role in the development and prevention of diabetes and need to be taken into consideration when designing an approach to combating the epidemic.

"We know so darn much now about diabetes," Vinicor said, "and people still aren't getting it."

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Fitness level may predict female hypertension risk

A woman's physical fitness level may mitigate the effect of stress on her risk of developing high blood pressure, according to a new study.

"We think these initial findings are sufficiently positive to encourage a randomized controlled trial that will provide a better test of the independent effects of cardio respiratory fitness on responses during stress," says author Rod K. Dishman, Ph.D., in the September issue of the journal *Psychophysiology*.

Dishman and his colleagues recruited 13 men and 13 women with normal blood pressure whose average age was mid-20s. All subjects reported that they exercised either moderately or vigorously at least three times a week during the past year. Participants' fitness levels were determined by measuring their oxygen use during stationary biking.

Participants were given three tests. First, they performed mental arithmetic by subtracting a two-digit number from a four-digit number without using a calculator or paper and pencil. They were also given a test in which they placed an ice bag on their fore-

head for two minutes, and another test in which they immersed their right hand in ice water for two minutes. During the tests, researchers measured subjects' blood pressure, heart rate, breathing frequency and blood flow to the calf muscle.



The mental arithmetic test increased both systolic and diastolic blood pressures, the researchers found, as well as blood flow to the calf muscle. The hand/ice water test also resulted in increased blood pressure readings but no changes in calf blood flow. The forehead/ice bag test increased

blood pressure readings only slightly, but decreased calf blood flow.

One of the most interesting findings was that the women who were more fit had less of an increase in systolic blood pressure during the hand/ice water test. Other than that, fitness levels did not affect blood pressure changes during the test, they note.

"The blunted systolic blood pressure response among the fitter women has implications for clarifying the usefulness of the [hand in ice test] as a predictor of future risk of hypertension among women," the authors write. In future studies of the test's value, participants' fitness levels must be further examined, they add.

Fitter subjects also had an increased heart rate during the mental arithmetic test compared with less fit participants, but also pumped a lower volume of blood with each beat, so that blood pressure and output from the heart remained constant.

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Anti-obesity legislation aims to get America moving again

BY WILL O'BRYAN

WASHINGTON - Facing an alarming epidemic of obesity, particularly among young people, lawmakers from both parties moved recently to get America off the couch and onto a track of healthier behavior.

The bill would authorize a quarter of a billion dollars to move people away from quarter-pounders by training health providers to identify risk factors and treatments for obesity, to help communities promote good nutrition and health and to launch a media campaign on the benefits of healthy eating and exercise.

Sen. William Frist, (R-Tenn.), the Senate's only physician and a top health adviser to President Bush, noted that 61 percent of American adults and 13 percent of children are overweight and lamented that "what is remarkable is that this is getting worse."

Only tobacco accounts for more deaths in the United States than poor diet and lack of exercise, Frist said.

"In addition to the health implications, there are economic implications," Frist added, citing medical costs as well as the millions of dollars Americans spend on efforts to lose weight.

"Obesity is our nation's fastest-rising public health problem, and it's increasingly affecting every segment of the American population - particularly young people," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, (D-N.M.), another sponsor of the Improved Nutrition and Physical Activity Act.

With various diet doctors arguing the merits of carbohydrates versus proteins, for example, the bill would require the government to study the effectiveness of weight reduction programs and determine whether federally funded food assistance programs help or hinder the battle against obesity.

The bill would authorize \$40 million to help people trim down by planning walking paths, using tax incentives to get employees to walk or bike to work and encouraging retailers of nutritious foods to locate in economically depressed areas.

Much of the legislation, however, is aimed squarely at youth, with a \$125 million media campaign encouraging them to embrace exercise and put down the junk food.

"This is a problem that cries out for action," co-sponsor Sen. Christopher Dodd, (D-Conn.), said. "This shouldn't require a lot of heavy lifting politically."

The bill does not address a controversial issue in many states: the wide availability of vending machines in schools. Many nutritionists are appalled at the practice, but school districts say they need the money generated from the machines to fund educational programs. Bingaman said a separate bill on that issue is in the works.

"Obviously there is a limit to what government can do," Bingaman said. "This is a lifestyle issue, and we don't want to dictate lifestyle."

The legislation is endorsed by a number of health groups, including the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association, and by heavy weights of the sporting goods industry, including Wilson, Spaulding, Franklin and Everlast. The Center for the Advancement of Health, which houses the Health Behavior News Service, has also endorsed the bill.

Editors Note: The Los Angeles Unified School District recently stopped the sale of soda in its schools.

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Depression may lead to stroke

People who experience symptoms of depression are at an increased risk of developing stroke, suggest the results of a two-decade study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

There was a 73 percent increase in stroke risk among study participants with high levels of depression symptoms according to the researchers from the CDC. They also found a 25 percent increase in stroke risk associated with moderate levels of depression symptoms. The relationship of stroke risk and high depression also varied by race and gender. There was a 68 percent increase for white men, a 52 percent increase for white women, and a 160 percent increase for African Americans.

"The suggestion of an increasingly strong relationship between level of depressive symptoms and stroke indicates that reducing depression may be important for everyone, not just those whose symptoms may have clinical implications," said lead author Bruce S. Jonas, ScM, PhD, of the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, MD.

The researchers followed a nationally representative sample of 6,095 stroke-free adults 25 to 74 years old in the early 1970s as part of the first National Health and

Nutrition Examination Survey. Participants were followed for a maximum of 22 years by completing a series of questionnaires probing their health history and psychological symptoms.

The increased risk of stroke for individuals with symptoms of

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depression persisted even after controlling for other stroke risk factors including baseline age, gender, race, education, smoking status, body mass index, alcohol use, physical activity, serum cholesterol level, systolic blood pressure, history of diabetes, and history of heart disease.

"Risk factors such as baseline age, gender, smoking status, systolic blood pressure, serum cholesterol level, history of diabetes and history of heart disease remain strong predictors of developing stroke" said Jonas. "However, this study indicates that elevated depression levels may also play an important role."

Overall, 9.1 percent of all participants reported high levels of depression and 32.7 percent reported moderate levels at the beginning of the study. Among African Americans, 15.7 percent reported high levels of depression, compared with 10.4 percent of white women and 5.6 percent of white men according to the study.

The exact mechanism by which depression may increase stroke risk is not understood, noted the researchers. Previous research suggests depression's effect on the nervous or immune systems may play a role. Depression may also increase the risk of diseases such as hypertension, that in turn increase stroke risk.

"Intervening hypertension might explain, at least in part, the pathway from depression to stroke as well as the higher risk of stroke among depressed African Americans," said Jonas. African Americans are known to suffer from higher rates of hypertension and, based on previous research by Jonas and others, depressed African Americans have higher risks of hypertension compared to other groups.

Funding for this study was provided by the National Institute on Aging

Scientists identify gene associated with Arrhythmia in African Americans

Scientists supported by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute have identified a gene variant that is associated with arrhythmia — abnormal heart rhythm — in African Americans. Mark Keating, M.D., of Children's Hospital, Departments of Pediatrics and Cell Biology, Harvard Medical School, and colleagues

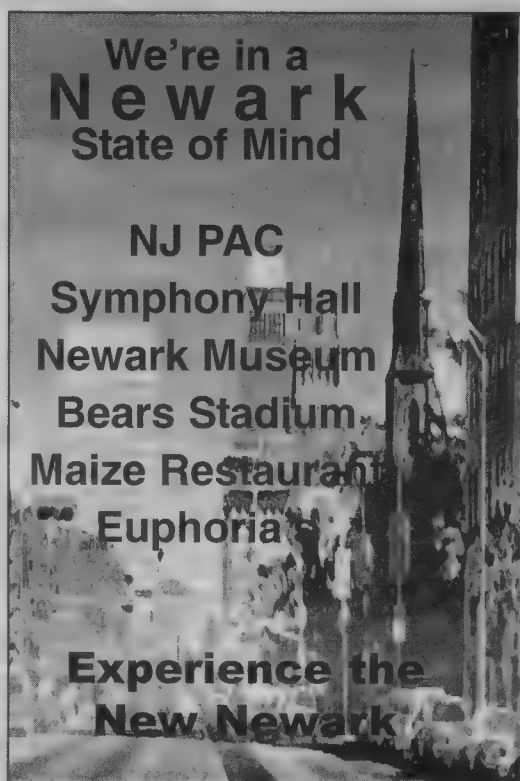
report in the August 23 issue of *Science* that a variant of the cardiac sodium channel gene SCN5A produces a small increase in risk of arrhythmia. When the variant is combined with other factors such as certain medications, low blood potassium known as hypokalemia, or structural heart disease, the risk of life-threatening arrhythmias is increased, according to the researchers.

Keating, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, and study co-authors conclude that the gene variant, when combined with other risk factors, may one day be a useful marker for the prediction of arrhythmia. At present, there is no test generally available to identify this gene variant, which is present in an estimated 4.6 million African Americans.

Background information on arrhythmias is available on the NHLBI website. at: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>.

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Overcoming Stigma

Washington, DC - The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) testified recently before President Bush's "New Freedom" Commission on Mental Health — pointing to a recent, offensive headline in the *Trentonian* as an example of how people with mental illness are devalued by stigma, which leads to lack of investment in treatment and recovery.

"Twenty percent of Americans experience mental illness. Two-thirds never receive treatment," said NAMI board president Jim McNulty, who has lived with bipolar disorder for almost 20 years. "Stigma is a big part of the problem."

On July 10, the *Trentonian* — one of 23 daily newspapers nationwide owned by the Journal Register Company — used the headline "Roasted Nuts" to describe a fire at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. NAMI has called the incident one of the worst examples of institutional prejudice and discrimination in recent memory.

"In 2002, the fact that such a headline could be written and then actually published underscores the problem of stigma and how the lives of people with mental illness are devalued," McNulty said. "It also underscores what the U.S. Surgeon General reported less than three years ago."

Stigma is "the most formidable obstacle to future progress in the arena of mental illness and mental health ... manifested by bias, distrust, stereotyping, fear, embarrassment and/or avoidance."

Stigma leads people "to avoid living, or working with, renting to, or employing people with mental disorders, especially severe disorders such as schizophrenia ... It reduces patients' access to resources and opportunities (e.g., housing, jobs) and leads to low self-esteem, isolation, and hopelessness. It deters the public from seeking, and wanting to pay for, care. In its most overt and egregious form, stigma results in outright discrimination and abuse. More tragically, it deprives people of their dignity and interferes with their full participation in society."

McNulty called on the Commission to

build "a bully pulpit" with its recommendations that will encourage the President, Congress and other civic leaders to address forcefully both attitudinal and structural stigma throughout society.

He also warned that the President and Congress must ensure that the Commission's recommendations are not ignored once they are made-reminding the audience of promises made and broken in the 1970s and 1980s, after the last mental health commission appointed by President Jimmy Carter.

In comprehensive testimony submitted to the Commission, NAMI discussed numerous proposals for reform in nine broad areas:

- Consolidation and coordination of mental health services at the federal, state and local levels, including single providers for core services locally and collaborative set-asides for housing.

- Assertive community treatment models to reduce psychiatric emergencies, hospitalizations, and criminalization.

- Taking steps to engage hard-to-serve individuals in treatment and services, including involuntary treatment as a last resort, subject to due process.

- Recovery-oriented services, with an emphasis on housing and employment.

- Inpatient and long-term care options for people who require them.

- Greater investment in education of healthcare, criminal justice, and other professionals about mental illness.

- Empowering consumers and families to drive treatment, recovery, and education programs.

- Building a professional mental health work force through scholarships and loan forgiveness programs for persons who commit to serve in under-served regions or communities, and integrating consumer and family peer counselors.

- Development of anti-stigma guidelines for the news, entertainment, and advertising industries, and support of consumer and family organizations using professional guidelines as advocacy tools.

Cancer Clinical Trial Basics What is a clinical trial?

What is a clinical trial? - By definition, a clinical trial is a type of research study conducted by medical researcher to determine if a behavioral intervention, drug, device or test/procedure can be used safely and effectively in the treatment or prevention of human illness. Specifically, a clinical trial is used to compare two or more behavioral interventions, drugs, devices or test/procedures to see if one is significantly more effective than another in preventing an illness, detecting an illness or treating an illness.

Safeguards protecting clinical trial participants - Safeguards in place to protect clinical trial participants are listed below along with a definition of each term as defined by the National Cancer Institutes (NCI) where indicated.

Informed consent - The process in which a person learns key facts about a clinical trial or research study and then agrees voluntarily to take part or decides against it. The process includes signing a form that describes the benefits and risk that may occur if the person decides to take part. (National Institute of Health (NIH) Publication No. 98-4250, April 1998.)

Institutional Review Board (IRB) - Groups of scientist, doctors, clergy, and consumers at each health care facility at which a clinical trial takes place. Designed to protect patients who take part in studies; IRBs review and must approve the protocol (procedures) for all clinical trials funded by the Federal Government. They check to see that the study is well designed, does not involve undue risks, and includes safeguards for the patients. (NIH Publication No. 98-4250, April 1998.)

External reviews - External reviews are performed by the sponsor

of the clinical trial and can include agencies such as NCI. External reviews are conducted by a committee that is external to the group conducting the study. Members of the committee are experts in the field being investigated.

Be informed - There are benefits and risk to participating in clinical trials. Before consenting to participate, there are some important things for you to remember.

Treatment trials - This type of trial can involve behavioral intervention or intervention with investigational drugs and/ or devices. Researchers are required to obtain Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Additionally, the researcher must also agree to conditions set forth by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Screening trials - These trials are conducted to see which cancer screening test is significantly better in reducing cancer deaths by detecting cancer in its earliest stage. Researchers are required to obtain Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval.

Prevention trials - These type of trials are conducted to see which intervention is significantly better in preventing the occurrence of cancer in those who are currently cancer free. Some prevention trials aim to prevent cancer in people with medical conditions which lead to cancer. Others try to prevent a second cancer in people who are survivors from a previous cancer diagnosis. Researchers are required to obtain Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval.

Breast cancer studies and prevention clinical trials are open for enrollment. Researchers encourage African Americans to participate in clinical trials.

Black and Hispanic HIV patients are less likely to get experimental medications

A nationwide study sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), shows that black and Hispanic HIV patients are only about half as likely as non-Hispanic whites to participate in clinical trials of new medications designed to slow the progression of the disease. Together, blacks and Hispanics comprise roughly 48 percent of the HIV patient population—33 percent and 15 percent, respectively. The study also found that women, regardless of race or ethnicity, are no less likely than men to participate in HIV drug studies.

By periodically interview-

ing a nationally representative sample of HIV patients between 1996 and 1998, a team of researchers led by Allen L. Gifford, M.D., of the VA Healthcare System and the University of California, San Diego, found that, overall, 14 percent of the patients participated in an HIV medication trial. In addition, 24 percent of the patients overall received experimental treatment at some time through a trial or approved investigational drug mechanisms that allow doctors and patients to obtain promising experimental HIV drugs. During the study period, several potent new anti-retroviral medications were tested.

About 10 percent of black patients and 11 percent of Hispanic patients participated in a clinical trial, compared with 18 percent of non-Hispanic white patients. Black patient participation in trials did not increase during the study period, and these patients were more likely to drop out of the research.

"These findings underscore the need to increase the diversity of patients in research," said Carolyn Clancy, M.D., AHRQ's acting director. "It is a priority for AHRQ and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to include a broader range of patients in studies of treatment

effectiveness."

According to Dr. Gifford, black and Hispanic patients' limited attempts to obtain experimental HIV medications may reflect lack of awareness of clinical trials in minority communities, as well as suspicion and distrust of trials and researchers. Black patients were less than half as likely as white non-Hispanic patients to try to obtain an experimental HIV medication.

"Our findings suggest that to boost minority participation in trials, we must look critically at structural barriers such as research-entry criteria, enrollment and tracking procedures, and study center operations, as

well as clinical researchers' attitudes and practices," said Dr. Gifford.

Other factors contributing to a reduced likelihood of participation in a clinical trial were having less than a high school education, being in a commercial HMO, and receiving primary care eight miles or more from where the clinical trial was held.

The analysis was conducted as part of the RAND-led HIV Cost and Services Utilization Study Consortium (HCSUS) under the direction of Martin F. Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D., and Samuel A. Bozzette, M.D., Ph.D., the co-principal investigator.

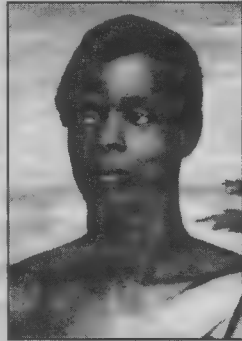
"Amistad" bill signed, NJ becomes first in nation to require African American history in public schools

NEWARK — Governor James E. McGreevey recently signed a historic bill recently aimed at including African-American history into the traditional curriculum of New Jersey's school, making New Jersey the first state in the nation to enact such legislation.

The Governor also named Newark native Amiri Baraka, as New Jersey's Poet Laureate. Baraka, 68, is widely celebrated as the father of the Black Arts Movement and is one of the most prolific and influential African-American writers of the 20th century.

The "Amistad Bill" was sponsored by Assemblymen William D. Payne and Craig A. Stanley. The bill creates an "Amistad Commission" in honor of the enslaved Africans who gained their freedom after overthrowing the crew of the Amistad cargo ship en route

an Amistad Bill signing ceremony at the Newark Museum. The event was attended by more than 350 persons from the



Sengbe Pieh, called Joseph Cinque by his captors, led the revolt aboard the slave ship "Amistad" in 1839.

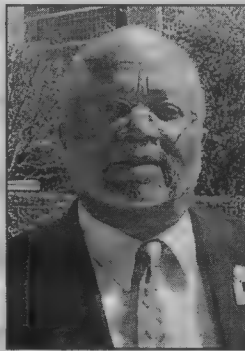
education, social and political walks of life. One of the fitting highlights was a reenactment by members of the 22nd United States Colored Infantry based in Newark and Montclair, reminiscent of the most popular scene in the movie, "Glory."

"We do what needs to be done by signing this legislation into law," McGreevey said as he began a speech that borrowed heavily from the speech given at the 1st Annual National Juneteenth Rally by Frederick Douglass in 1841.

"... If I do forget, if I do not faithfully remember those bleeding children of sorry this day, may my right hand cleave to the roof of my mouth! To forget them, to pass lightly over their wrongs, and to chime in with the popular theme would be treason most scandalous and shocking, and would make me a reproach before God and the world," McGreevey quoted the famous orator.

The Governor said it is important that all students

"understand the important of the African American experience and their struggle for freedom." He evoked the names of of several well known African Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Chappy James, and Benjamin Bannaker. Ironically, it was McGreevey who introduced the bill to establish the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education is to promote Holocaust education in the State of New Jersey.



Assemblyman William Payne sponsored the legislation.

"This is a historic occasion," Calvin West, a member of the New Jersey State Democratic Committee, told the audience, "this signing has never happened in the history of African Americans in the nation."

Agreeing with West on immense significance of passing the legislation was Eddie Mae Livingston, a NAACP member who came to Newark from Newberry, SC.

"It's very historical. We have overcome many milestones," she said proudly.

Businessman Alfred Koepp, CEO and President of PSE&G, called Newark "an appropriate venue" for signing



Assemblyman Craig Stanley co-sponsored the measure.

the legislation because of the city's expansive educational facilities. He called the Amistad Bill "a gift from the (state) legislature", Koepp said teaching "our common heritage" will "bring us closer together by remembering what drove us apart."

Assemblyman Payne has often used African American history "factoids" as a calling card at parties and other gatherings to raise interest in the need to "reposition black history in the text books from grades K-12," during his three year quest to get the Amistad legislation passed into law. He told the audience he stood on the shoulders of Assemblyman Ronald Owens and Mildred Barry Garvin who began efforts to establish a state wide African American history education program as early as 1972.

Payne, who attended school in Newark's North Ward, says that approximately 170,000 African Americans fought in the Civil War, but that was not mentioned in the classroom when he was growing up. "This is my county too. Things were not just handed to us."

Calling the Amistad Bill,

"very positive." Newark School Superintendent Marion Bolden said the city has incorporated a more "multicultural" curriculum into the schools, but, "We are glad that the state is now requiring this education, rather than to have it happen accidentally.... There is a real need to be sensitive to the history of all people."



Gov. James E. McGreevey signed the bill into law.

The Amistad Commission will consist of 19 members, including the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Education, the Chair of the Executive Board of the President's Council and 16 public members. They will also designate appropriate textbooks that accurately chronicle the African-American experience in the United States.

Asked about the significance of the bill passage, Baraka said, "It is very important that we try to reflect with some accuracy the history of America and the fact that we are black and American."

Baraka added that the Amistad Commission will only be "as strong as our (the state's) enforcement."

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— Alfred Koepp, CEO, PSE&G

from Havana in 1839. The commission will promote wider implementation of educational awareness programs regarding the African slave trade; slavery in America and the many contributions African Americans have made over the course of United States history.

The significant of occasion was marked by daylong series of events that culminated with

State plans 180-mile walk along 'Underground Railroad'

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey and Secretary of State Regina Thomas today announced plans to celebrate New Jersey's rich history and heritage with the Harriet Tubman-William Still Underground Railroad Journey.

Named in honor of two of the legendary network's most famous figures, the Journey will bring together people from throughout the state and the nation to celebrate the universal themes of courage, cooperation, and freedom that the Underground Railroad has come to symbolize as well as

highlight our state's role as the center of a regional UGRR network.

For fourteen consecutive days beginning on September 29, Secretary of State Thomas will lead the walk and retrace New Jersey's Underground Railroad heritage from Cumberland County to Hudson County. Commencing with a symbolic crossing of the Delaware into Greenwich, New Jersey, as many fugitive slaves did, she will travel 180 miles to the North stopping at such Underground Railroad sites as Bethel AME Church in Greenwich, Macedonia AME

Church in Camden, and the Peter Mott House in Lawnside to pay tribute to the courage and commitment of the freedom seekers and operatives. The Journey will also pass through such UGRR communities as; Newark; Trenton; Woolrich; Trenton; Lawnside; Wood-bury; Cherry Hill; Haddonfield; Burlington; Bordentown; Princeton; New Brunswick; Elizabeth; Rahway; and Jersey City.

The Governor, along with other dignitaries including Senator Jon Corzine and Philadelphia Mayor John Street, will participate in the

walk at various stages along the route.

"This walk will mark the first time in our state's history that we have celebrated its Underground Railroad past in this particular way. As we follow in the footsteps of people like Harriet Tubman and William Still, we building upon their legacy of courage and cooperation and enhancing the quality of life for all people in the process," said Secretary Thomas.

Tubman was the most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad, perhaps the most celebrated figure

of the Underground Railroad. The legend of Harriet Tubman grew during the Civil War as she became a cook, nurse, scout, and spy for the Union Army.

William Stills was the most important UGRR operative in Philadelphia. He and Harriet Tubman became close friends on the Freedom Trail.

For more information on the daily public events surrounding the Harriet Tubman-William Still New Jersey underground Railroad Journey visit: www.state.nj.us/undergroundrailroad, or call 609/777-2533.

Preteenplanet.com provides teens with publishing opportunity

PreteenPlanet.com, the partner website of the Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul and Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul books, has launched PlanetNews, an online newspaper with a uniquely original twist: all reporting for the publication is being done by kids ages 9-13.

"Everyone has a reporter in them, and this is an opportunity for preteens to be creative, empowered and in total control," notes Patty Hansen, president of PreteenPlanet.com and coauthor of the Chicken Soup for the Kid's and Preteen Soul books. "PlanetNews serves as a forum to inspire, educate and cultivate the creative talents of kids ages 9-13."

PlanetNews features original content provided solely by preteen reporters in the areas of local/world news, health, music, sports, fashion, opinion and more. The online publication also serves to educate kids on the

researching, writing and reporting of the news, by enlisting the help of Washington Post reporter Liz Garone. Garone's column, *Liz the Word Wiz*, offers instruction on proper AP style and diligent news reporting, as well as creative writing tips.

"When researching and compiling our Chicken Soup books, we heard from more than 15,000 kids this age," said Hansen. "The preteen years are truly the age of personal empowerment: these kids are old enough to move, shake and change the world, and too young to be caught up in the belief that it can't be done. Through PlanetNews, PreteenPlanet.com harnesses and encourages that empowerment and optimism and gives kids a voice."

Launched in 2001 by the coauthors of Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul and Preteen Soul to give kids ages 9 to 13 a voice both as individuals and as a distinct group.

PreteenPlanet.com engages preteens in customized projects and activities that empower them to make a difference in their own lives. Concurrently, it offers content promoting volunteerism and entrepreneurship, with unique interactive games and entertainment, celebrity involvement, contests, peer advice columns, and links to other popular sites. PreteenPlanet.com also features PlanetNews, the only online newspaper to feature content provided by preteens. PlanetNews provides kid reporters with journalism instruction, as well as the opportunity to see their work published. The site is regularly monitored and COPPA compliant, with AOL clearance for 13 and under.

Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul was on the Publisher's Weekly Children's Nonfiction Best Sellers List for 20 consecutive weeks, and reached #4 on the New York Times Best Sellers List for Children. Chicken

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At The Movies

Here's a chronological quick take on the season's highlights:

City by the Sea (9/6) Generation-skipping genes. True tale starring Robert DeNiro as the son of a murderer who was executed at Sing Sing in the Fifties. Now, as an NYPD detective, he's investigating a killing where his son turns out to be the prime suspect.

Swimfan (9/6) Fatal attraction teensploit. Psychological thriller about an obsessive coed out for revenge after a one-night stand with a world-class swimmer who's more concerned with the Olympic trials.

The Banger Sisters (9/20) Almost Finished. Waitress Goldie Hawn and wealthy Susan Sarandon as ex-groupies who reunite after twenty years to hit the road again before they hit the wall.

The Four Feathers (9/20) Six time's the charm. Fifth remake of the based on the AEW Mason historical novel set in 1898 featuring Heath Ledger as a British Officer unfairly labeled a coward for resigning just before a battle with Sudanese rebels. With Kate Hudson, Goldie Hawn's daughter, as Heath's faithful fiancée.

Biggie & Tupac (9/27) Investigative documentary deconstructs alleged East Coast/West Coast rivalry which resulted in the deaths of rappers Biggie and Tupac Shakur.

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Fright Flick Features Cyber-Stalker on Sado-Masochistic Killing-Spree

Normally, when a studio tries to hide a movie from film reviewers, it's dreadful. Warner Brothers only scheduled the critics' screening for this teen screamer the night before it opened, not leaving enough time for us to get the word out. Thus, my less than modest expectations of *Fear Dot Com*. However, as it turns out, this is a fright flick which ought to at least satisfy the blood lust of fans of the gory genre.

Be forewarned, this film does feature several sex-linked scenes of slaughter which some might find endlessly disturbing. However, if you like your horror gruesome, have I got a treat for you. *fear dot com* is the brain child of William Malone, whose name has long been associated with suspense. For 14 he worked in television, directing episodes of such scary series as *Tales from the Crypt* and *Freddy's Nightmares*. And in 1999, Malone remade the Vincent Price classic *House on Haunted Hill* for the big screen.

Fear Dot Com is an old-fashioned crime caper updated to engage the cyber set. The point of departure unfolds as follows: four unrelated New Yorkers, all bleeding from their eyes and noses, die from an almost identical hemorrhage. At first, the authorities suspect an ebola-type virus, and they call in hazardous materials experts to investigate. The hazmats, however, turn the case over to the NYPD once they determine that the corpses were all the victims of violence, not flesh-eating bacteria. The cops find themselves completely stumped because the deceased seem to have nothing in common with each other. An intriguing premise if I ever heard one.

The film stars Stephen Dorff (Cecil B. Demented) as Mike Reilly, the dogged, young detective who refuses to be discouraged by his more jaded colleagues. When they suggest that, "Everybody has a case or two they can't crack; don't let this [expletive] with your head," iron-willed Mike refuses to quit. Instead of working within the department, Reilly joins forces with a couple of cute crime-fighters in Terry Huston (Natascha McElhone), a researcher from the department of health, and Denise (Amelia Curtis), a frisky, forensic computer programmer.

Denise compares the on-line habits of the dearly departed, only to discover that there was, in fact, an Internet connection linking them all. She soon surmises that the answer to the mysterious deaths might lie in the murky world of *Fear Dot Com*, the kinky,



Stephen Dorff in *Fear Dot Com*

sado-masochistic website that they had each visited. This live-cam death-site is hosted by a tempting cyber seductress who beckons visitors with leading questions like "Do you like to watch?" and "Do you want to hurt me?" The curious Denise, a veritable video voyeur, logs on just in time to catch the creepy torture of a semi-nude beauty. The unseen attacker castigates the bound-and-gagged girl with, "Reducing relationships to anonymous electronic impulses is a

perversion," before he summarily slaughters her.

After examining all of the evidence, Denise determines that the sicko's kills his victims exactly 48 hours after their first contact with *fear dot com*. And the ill-fated hacker now has a pretty good idea who might be his next prey. The chameleon-like Dorff disappears so thoroughly into his detective character, that his passion for the role all but makes up for the swiss cheese holes soon poked through the plot. Anybody the least bit familiar with the Internet would laugh at the ridiculous leaps-of-faith asked of the audience were it not for his commitment to the ever mounting tension. My biggest problems had to do with the incessant sex-linked cruelty. Throw in the somber cinematography, which casts the city as a far more menacing environ than any movie in recent memory, and you have the makings of one frightening slasher flick. If only this were my taste. **Good (2 stars)** Rated R.

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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION (NJ TRANSIT) FISCAL YEAR 2003 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER

THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), gives notice of its intent to apply for \$189.46 million under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 for operating and capital assistance, \$244.77 million for capital projects under Section 5309 and \$2.50 million under Section 5310 for transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, \$2.80 million under Section 5311 for transportation in rural areas, and \$3.00 million for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program. It is also NJ TRANSIT's intent to apply for \$65.00 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds and \$4.00 million under other programs authorized by TEA-21.

Federal operating funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and local recipients in conformance with Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-Federal share of capital projects through credit for toll revenues and State funds committed to Urban Core projects as allowed by TEA-21. The Fiscal Year 2003 Federal program is described below.

Proposed Section 5307 Formula Operating and Capital Program (In Millions of Dollars)

Project	Federal
Operating Assistance	0.46
Rail Preventive Maintenance	75.83
Bus Preventive Maintenance	96.15
Building Capital Leases	9.15
Bergen Tunnel Rehabilitation	1.67
Rail Car Overhaul	1.23
Bus Overhaul	4.32
Bus Purchase	0.65
Transit Enhancements	0.25
Total	189.71

Proposed Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Modernization Program (In Millions of Dollars)

Project	Federal
Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement	13.90
Track Rehabilitation	14.00
Electric Traction Upgrade	1.50
Morrisville Yard Engineering/Design	2.00
Main/Bergen/Pascack Valley Lines Upgrade	16.35
Rail Rolling Stock Purchase	6.40
Rolling Stock Overhaul	17.78
Hoboken Terminal & Yard Rehabilitation	7.34
Rail Preventive Maintenance	17.22
Total	98.49

Proposed Section 5309 New Start and Bus Programs (In Millions of Dollars)

Project	Federal
Trenton Station Rehabilitation	7.42
South Amboy Intermodal Transportation Initiative	0.20
West Trenton Rail Line Passenger Service Restoration	1.98
Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link Construction	60.00
Newark Bus Improvements	3.96
Bergen Intermodal Improvements	2.32
Jitney Transit Buses	0.40
Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit System Construction	72.00
Total	148.28

Proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (In Millions of Dollars)

Project	Federal
Meadow Maintenance Complex Upgrade	7.36
Rail Rolling Stock Purchase	13.80
Bus Purchase	22.70
Light Rail Car Purchase	15.00
Community Shuttle Bus Program	2.72
Bus Overhaul and Emission Control	3.42
Total	65.00

Proposed Projects Under Other Sections of TEA-21 (Millions of Dollars)

Project	Federal
Lackawanna Cut-Off Environmental Assessment	1.00
Newark Penn Station Improvements	2.00
Rail Station Improvements	1.00
Total	4.00

A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic, and Social Aspects

Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable laws and regulations, interim findings may be presented at a future public hearing and further public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare and Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to Federal regulations. The availability of this document will be made known by publication in the same manner as this notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all Federal statutes and regulations affecting properties eligible for or on the National Register of Historic Places.

B. Comprehensive Planning

NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Northeast New

Jersey urbanized area; the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, which is the designated MPO for Camden, Mercer, Burlington, and Gloucester counties; and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization, which is designated MPO for Cumberland, Salem, Atlantic, and Cape May counties. The MPOs are the forums for local decision-making concerning the proposed projects. The projects are developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.

C. Private Enterprise Participation

Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPOs and ongoing communication with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Private Carrier Affairs, NJ TRANSIT continues to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages, to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation in the State of New Jersey.

D. Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities

Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements involving facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

E. Public Input

NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing may be sent to Frank J. Hopper, Assistant Executive Director, Procurement and Support Services, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 by October 14, 2002.

Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above program before final submission to the Federal Transit Administration and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order. The above list of proposed projects will become the final list of projects unless notification is given in the same manner as this public notice.

George D. Warrington
 Executive Director
 New Jersey Transit Corporation

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, New Jersey, on September 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. prevailing time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

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The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Offices of the Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained after 10:00 a.m., September 5, 2002 at said offices upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$100.00 payable to the "Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin" for each set. **DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. PAYMENT FOR DOCUMENTS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**

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Contractors are required to comply with the requirements of Public Laws 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Actions", and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

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NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is in the process of reviewing its anticipated federally funded contracting activities for fiscal year 2003. Pursuant to US DOT Regulations 49CFR Part 26, NJ TRANSIT is required to establish a Race Neutral, and Race Conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Goals. These goals will be based upon projected contracting and leasing opportunities, availability of eligible ready, willing and able Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, past contracting and leasing results, and local market evidence.

Proposed Goal

A 25% overall agency goal, not more than 25% is anticipated for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation, which could include a targeted level goal up to 4% for Race Neutral Program, and up to 21% goal for a Race Conscious Program. Your comments on the overall proposed goal is encouraged and will be used for information purposes to develop the final established goal. The public may review, comment, and assist NJ TRANSIT in the finalization of the establishment of the FY03 goal. The methodology used to determine the final level of DBE participation will be available for public inspection during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at NJ Transit, Small Disadvantaged Business Department, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246.

The Federal Transit Administration and NJ TRANSIT will accept comments on the goal for forty-five (45) days from the date of this notice. Inquiries may be directed to NJ TRANSIT's Small Business Development Programs, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246.

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September 11th Memorials

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Bloomfield — Bloomfield College will host a day of memorial events beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Freehold — Board of Chosen Freeholders host a ceremony at the Hall of Records, at 8:30 a.m.

Newark — St. James A.M.E. Church hosts a commemorative worship service, "Remembering September 11 in Prayer" at the NJPAC beginning at 7:00 p.m. The service is open to the public at no charge, however tickets are required. For info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC, or St. James, 973-622-1344.

Newark — African Globe TheatreWorks will host a commemorative performance entitled *Salvation-The Musical* at 9:30 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. in the Sarah Vaughan Concert Hall at the African Globe Theatre on 1020 Broad St.

Newark — United Youth Council, Inc. will hold a prayer vigil against terrorism and gang activity, at 5:30 p.m. in Jefferson Park at the corner of Anna St. For information call 973-297-8865, or 908-355-5646.

Newark — The New Jersey Historical Society hosts previews exhibits documenting the events of 9/11 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a moment of silence in Military Park at 8:40 a.m.

New York — The Port Authority of NY/NJ will host an interfaith remembrance service at Riverside Church at 490 Riverside Dr. in Manhattan at 2:00 p.m.

New York — Hip Hop & Spoken Word tribute to the fallen African-American fire fighters of 9/11 will be held at the Knitting Factory in Manhattan at 8:00 p.m.

New York — The Salvation Army will host a special memorial service at 12:30 p.m. at Centennial Memorial Temple at 120 W. 14th St. For info call 212-337-7330.

New York — Metropolitan Museum will host a series of poetry readings, musical performances and art exhibits reflection last 9/11. This commemorative presentation is for one week and is free to the public from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

New York — The Museum of the City of NY will host free hourly tours of exhibitions and films from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Perth Amboy — The Cathedral Second Baptist Church will host interfaith service along with religious and community leaders remembering the events of 9/11. For more info call 732-826-5293.

Upper Montclair — Montclair State University and the community will host a series of remembrance services throughout the day, beginning with a sunrise walk at 6:30 a.m. For more info call 973-655-5459.

Community

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

New Providence — The SHARING volunteer organization holds its 25th Anniversary sale from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at 1442 Springfield Avenue. For info call 908-508-0089.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Road to Successful Homeownership workshop from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Mahwah — Ramapo College's NJ Convocation features a lecture by Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP at 4:00 p.m. in the Athletic Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road. For info call 201-684-7303.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Creative Writing workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

Newark — The Council for Higher Education (CHEN), City of Newark and State of New Jersey host the Second Annual Summit on the Development of University/Business Partnerships, 7:30 a.m. at UMDNJ, 65 Bergen St. For info call 973-972-6364.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Small Business State of NJ Tax workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rahway — The Rahway Center Partnership presents its Second Annual Baby Day Parade from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info call 732-396-3545.

Newark — The Women's Housing Initiative hosts an educational event from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

at Essex County College, 303 University Ave. For info call 973-643-8800.

Business

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Newark — The NJ Society for Marketing Professional Services sponsors a workshop on the NJEDA's School Construction Program at 8:00 a.m., NJIT Gallery in West Hall. For info call 973-539-5353.

Trenton — A Government Contracting for Small Businesses workshop will be held at the NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 10:00 a.m. For info call 609-343-4845.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Newark — Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars & special classes during the fall 2002 semester, which are free unless otherwise noted. Be Your Own Graphic Artists is a 10-session program on Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. There is a fee for this course. For more info call 973-877-3054.

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Newark — The Small Business Administration holds a workshop on Starting and Managing Your Own Business at The SBA office, 2 Gateway Center, 25th flr., from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register call 973-645-2434.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Basking Ridge — A Procurement Workshop for Veteran-Owned Businesses will be held at the NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 8:00 a.m. For info call 908-527-1166.

Iselin — A Software Licensing Seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. For info call 973-379-4800.

Heartbeat

Bergen County Department of health services offers county residents radon test kits for \$20. Pick up kits weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in room 206 of the Major Charles J. Watters Community Services.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Newark — UMDNJ will host discussion on how families can connect their faith to the joys, sorrows, struggles and challenges of everyday family life. Free admission & parking at 12:00 noon in Rosemary Gellene Rm (B-515). For more info call 800-483-7436.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Belleville — The Women's Center at Clara Maass offers a Stress Management workshop series for three consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 973-450-2890.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Iselin — The NAACP will host its New Jersey State Convention at the Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel on Route 1. The speaker at this banquet is Rev. Deforest B. Soaries. For more info call 908-753-7073.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Iselin — The NAACP will host its New Jersey State Convention at the Woodbridge Sheraton Hotel on Route 1. The speaker at this banquet is Gov. James E. McGreevey. For more info call 908-753-7073.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Hackensack — Bergen County Dept. of Health Services and New Hope Baptists Church will host a free health fair between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. at the church located on the corner of First St. and Berdan Place.

Artz

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Newark — Symphony Hall presents Driving Miss Daisy in the 2nd floor theatre. For more info call

SEPT 11 - SAT. SEPT. 14

North Brunswick — Livingston Ave. Gallery will host a reception remembering our fire fighters, police officers & all lost on 9/11 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. For more info call 732-846-4599.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Morristown — The Morris Museum will host a day trip to Liberty Hall and the Manor from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more info call 973-971-3716.

FRI, SEPT 13 - SUN, SEPT 15

Newark — African Globe presents "Driving Miss Daisy" a play. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday show is at 3:00 p.m.

p.m. Friday tickets are \$10 and Saturday and Sunday tickets are \$20. For info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

New York — The Museum of the City of NY will host a reading performance entitled *Change and Reclamation* from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. This ceremony is in remembrance of the tragic events of 9/11/2001.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newark — Open auditions for "Amateur Night at the Apollo on Tour" will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chase Room, NJPAC. For info call 973-642-8989, ext 3105.

THURS, SEPT 19 - SEPT 22

Stanhope — The Ninth Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry festival will be held at the historic Waterloo Village. For info call 973-540-8443.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — A music lab is held every Friday at The African Globe Theatre for live bands and unsigned talent. For info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — NJPAC Women's Board Spotlight Gala celebrates the sixth NJPAC season with Lionel Richie and basketball legend Willis Reed. For info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

New Brunswick — Debut Management presents a "Gospel Showcase" at the Crossroad Theater. For info call 908-851-0840.

THURS, OCT 3 - SAT, OCT 5

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall presents "A Woman's Revenge" at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. For info call 973-643-8009.

Religion

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Newark — A Fifth Anniversary Celebration/Concert will be held at Metropolitan Baptist Church on 149 Springfield Avenue. For info call 973-642-2267.

Send your calendar items, and photos to CN: By fax, 973-642-5444; USPS, 111 Mulberry St, TH-C, Newark, NJ 07102-4009; or email, editorial@citynewsnetwork.com.

Local Briefs

New bill outlaws income, child bias

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey signed six bills into law last week that:

- * Prohibits discrimination by landlords against tenants based on source of income or age of children under "Law Against Discrimination."

- * Lowers age of consent for minors to donate blood without parental permission to 17.

- * Permits public comment at meetings of municipal governing body.

- * Requires home care service providers to give advance information to patients about their employees' training.

- * Requires toll road authorities' towing and storage operators to inform motorists of towing fees; establishes penalties for non-compliance, and

- * Requires payment of prevailing wages in construction related to Commerce and Economic Growth Commission and EDA assistance.

NJ to receive COPS in schools grants

WASHINGTON — United States Senators Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) and John Corzine (D-NJ) announced over \$6 million in federal grants for the COPS in Schools program in New Jersey. The funding, provided through the Department of Justice, will go to local police departments in: Clifton, Fairview, Jersey City, Kearny, Maplewood, North Bergen, Orange, West Orange, Wayne, Tinton Falls, South Brunswick, Passaic and West Paterson.

Preservation group seeks nominations

TRENTON — Preservation New Jersey invites nominations for its 2003 List of New Jersey's Ten Most Endangered Historic Places for the ninth year.

The selection committee basic criteria includes: architectural integrity and/or historical significance, and a likelihood that inclusion on the list will make a positive impact on preservation efforts of the site. To obtain a nomination form contact Preservation New Jersey at 609-392-6409 or visit their website at www.preservation-nj.org. The deadline for nominations is November 30.

Residence Inn opens in Saddle River

SADDLE RIVER — Marriott International, Inc. is scheduled to open the 174-suite Residence Inn this month. The franchise will be owned and operated by a Florida company.



Manhattan, Sept. 2002

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All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and clearly marked "On Call" Ceramic Tile Repair.

The information for bidder, form of bid and specification may be reviewed and obtained at the offices of the Long Branch Housing Authority at any time during the regular business hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday starting September 3, 2002. After September 3, 2002 telephone the Long Branch Housing Authority at (732) 222-3747 ext. 110 with any questions.

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